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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY RE LUIS SOARES DE LIMA

REF: TRANSMITTAL SLIP FROM ARA/BR TO AMCONSUL RECIFE

ENCLSGING LETTER FROM SENATOR CARL CURTIS OF

JAN. 20, 1975

1. IN RESPONSE TO SUBJECTINQUIRY, THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE  
HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM AMCONSUL RECIFE.

2. "FIRST MENTION OF DETENTION OF BRAZILIAN CITIZEN, LUIS  
SOARES DE LIMA, AKA ALANIR CARDOSA, WAS MADE BY LOCAL NEWSPAPERS  
ON OCT. 3, 1974, AT THE SAME TIME MORRIS' PICK-UP  
WAS ANNOUNCED. IN THE ARTICLES SOARES IS DESCRIBED AS A  
QUOTE SUBVERSIVE UNQUOTE WHO HAD EARLIER BEEN TRIED, SENTENCED,  
AND JAILED (BUT PRESUMABLE ESCAPED) BY A MILITARY  
TRIBUNAL IN THE STATE OF MINAS GERAIS.

3. "THE SECOND, ANDFINAL TO DATE, REFERENCE TO SOARES  
APPEARED IN LOCAL PRESS ON OCTOBER 19, 1974. ACCOMPANIED  
BY A PHOTOGRAPH OF SOARES, THE ARTICLE SAID THAT HE WAS A  
MEMBER OF THE ILLEGAL MARXIST-LENINIST POPULAR ALLLIANCE,  
A BRANCH OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF BRAZIL (PC DO B).  
THE NEWS ACCOUNT SAID THAT SOARES HAD REVEALED QUOTE  
DURING THE INTERROGATION UNQTE THAT HE WAS INVOLVED IN  
ORGANIZGING HIS PARTY'S ACTIVITIES IN NORTHEASTERN BRAZIL.

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THE ARTICLE ALSO NOTED THAT SOARES HAD BEEN TRIED EARLIER

IN MINAS GERAIS ON TWO SEPARATE CHARGES OF SUBVERSION AND HAD BEEN SENTENCED TO TERMS OF TWO YEARS AND OF EIGHTEEN MONTHS.

4. " THE PUBLICATION OF THE ARTICLES ALONG WITH A RECENT PHOTOGRAPH OF SOARES INDICATES TO LAWYERS HERE WHO HAVE DEALT WITH SIMILAR CASES IN THE PAST THAT SOARES IS STILL ALIVE AND WELL, IN ALL PROBABILITY, BE HELD PRISONER UNTIL HE IS DULY TRIED BY THE RECIFE MILITARY TRIBUNAL UNDER THE TERMS OF THE BRAZILIAN NATIONAL SECURITY LAW.HR HUNL" COMMENT AND RECOMMENDATION: NO FURTHER INFORMATION HAS BEEN MADE AVAILABLE PUBLICLY OR PRIVATELY CONCERNING SOARES. INQUIRIES ON OUR PART AT THIS TIME WOULD BE INADVISABLE. POST RECOMMENDS THAT DEPARTMENT REPLY DIRECTLY TO SENATOR CURTIS AND OTHERS WHO MAY INQUIRE ON THIS SUBJECT DRAWING ON THE ABOVE. SHOULD ADDITIONAL INFORMATION COME TO LIGHT ON SOARES, POST WILL OF COURSE NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT IMMEDIATELY." BROWN

6. CONCERNING REFERENCE TO INQUIRIES IN PARAGRAPH 5 ABOVE, EMBASSY ASSUMES THAT PRIOR GUIDANCE STILL HOLDS, AND THAT INQUIRIES SHOULD NOT BE MADE IN CASES OF THIS NATURE WHICH DO NOT DIRECTLY INVOLVE THE DETENTION OF AN AMERICAN CITIZEN.  
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